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REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock, in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose a Representative to represent this town in the General Court of this State.
4. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
5. To bring in your votes for Representative to represent the third Congressional District of this State in the Congress of the United States.
6. To choose Selectmen, and all other necessary town officers.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.
8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, to pay existing claims against the town.
10. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of Liquor Agent the ensuing year.
11. To see if the town will vote to pay Theodore Miller's claim, or any part thereof, for a soldier's bounty of three hundred dollars, who enlisted in the United States' service, for the town of Cornish, in 1863.
12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay damage and build the road laid out by the Selectmen, on petition of Benjamin F. Bugbee and others.
13. To see if the town will vote to raise money to purchase a safe for the safe-keeping of the Town Records.
14. To see if the town will vote to locate and build a receiving Tomb, and raise money to pay for the same.
15. To see if the town will vote to raise the Highway tax in money, and see what action the town will take in regard to laying out the same.
16. To see what additional sum of money the town will vote to raise for the new Cemetery, near Cornish Flat.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1871.

NORMAN E. HEBARD,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
C. E. JACKSON,	
SETH COLE,	

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the town we find as follows :

For State tax,	2778 00
“ County tax,	1713 37
“ Schools, as required by law,	1157 50
To defray Town charges,	1800 00
“ pay int. and existing claims against Town,	2500 00
“ repair highway on Ayer’s Hill,	400 00
Tax on dogs,	80 00
Per centage, about $2\frac{1}{2}$,	243 71
School-house tax, Dist. No. 7,	51 36
Non resident highway tax,	76 50
	<hr/> \$ 10800 44

The selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums.

For support of County paupers,	170 94
From Plainfield for support of paupers,	144 40
J. M. Davidson, trustee Foss fund,	112 80
Savings Bank tax, 1870,	202 79
Railroad tax, 1870,	52 16
Literary fund, 1870,	92 51
Assigned U. S. bounty,	320 00
Cash hired for new cemetery,	249 52
	<hr/> \$ 1345 12

Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$ 12145 56
Deduct State tax,	2778 00
And County tax,	1713 37
	<hr/> \$ 4491 37
Leaving a balance of	<hr/> \$ 7654 19

We find orders drawn on the Treasurer as follow :

For support of schools—

Edwin R. Shedd, district No. 1,	137 33
Wm. E. Westgate, " 2,	84 71
Wm. P. Johnson, " 3,	90 50
Lyman D. Wood, " 4,	64 43
Geo. L. Cole, " 5,	58 44
Lemuel Martindale, " 6,	208 75
Albert E. Wellman, " 7,	117 74
John F. Johnson, " 8,	118 48
Wm. C. Smith, " 9,	72 54
Foster L. Ayers, " 10,	96 64
Seymour Ashley, " 11,	86 94
Oliver Russ, " 12,	27 82
Hiram H. York, " 13,	65 06
John M. Root, " 15,	20 53
Thomas A. Allen, " 16,	58 05
Solon C. Lear, " 14, Claremont,	8 01
John B. Pike, " 1, Plainfield,	4 59
	<hr/> \$ 1319 96

* For support of County paupers—

John Bell	48 45
Miriam Batman,	42 00
Lydia Allen,	52 00
Benjamin Davis,	51 11
Josephine Abbott,	18 22
Joseph Lougee,	65 63
Eleazer Dutton,	3 00
	<hr/> \$ 280 41

For support of Plainfield paupers—

Maria Williams,	40 60
Mrs. John Bell,	48 45
	<hr/> \$ 89 05

For support of Town paupers—

Bell Comings,	13 75
George W. Richardson,	58 00
Catharene Chase,	57 00
	<hr/> \$ 128 75

FOR PLANK AND TIMBER.

William Balloch,	\$11 25
Harry P. Chamberlin,	40 00
J. M. Root,	3 74

N. O. Bugbee,	3 00
E. O. & H. M. Day,	64 12
F. A. Johnson,	8 98
C. R. Leslie,	2 08
S. C. Deming,	3 80
E. H. Smith,	3 90
O. Richardson,	35 17
C. Gilkey,	30 54
E. Bryant,	2 70
L. Martindale,	5 55
H. D. Bartlett,	3 00
William W. Poole,	28 72
C. W. Comings,	3 60
C. F. Huggins,	3 76
M. Hutchinson,	2 80
E. F. Chellis,	23 60
O. Russ,	4 26
H. Gould,	7 20
J. A. Kendrick,	5 60
P. W. Smith,	3 18
C. E. Jackson,	19 22
E. T. Ayers,	3 79
H. M. Weld,	4 96
L. H. Dow,	4 84
C. B. Fitch,	3 67
D. N. Morgan,	5 43
H. F. Bartlett,	5 18
M. J. Deming,	2 81
George D. Kenyon,	3 10
J. L. Hilliard,	9 69
H. S. Read,	15 67
E. O. & H. M. Day,	10 91
B. Smith,	10 34
George Jackson,	3 18
E. D. Austin,	21 17
L. Powers,	6 40
E. Bryant,	4 93
S. S. Spaulding,	3 00

Total for plank and timber,

\$ 438 84

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

J. M. Deming & Co.,	\$ 13 50
L. H. Sanderson, Bryant bridge,	79 00

B. T. Harlow,	4 50
L. Benway,	45 00
L. Fitch,	6 00
C. Williams,	8 00
N. O. Bugbee,	11 50
B. F. Bugbee,	14 00
C. E. Jackson,	69 45
H. A. Bugbee,	8 00
M. Coburn,	7 61
L. W. Harrington,	4 41
H. L. Bugbee,	19 00
E. O. Goward,	3 80
S. C. Deming,	7 18
E. H. Smith,	9 00
B. Burr, building bridge on Cornish Flat,	61 67
O. Richardson,	32 50
E. Bryant,	25 00
E. P. Kenyon,	22 50
C. Gilkey,	18 00
E. O. Cole,	7 00
L. Martindale,	6 75
George D. Kenyon,	1 50
L. Benway,	15 00
H. H. York,	3 50
J. B. Stearns,	10 00
C. S. Porter,	9 00
L. Fitch,	18 00
George E. Bugbee,	13 00
J. Q. York,	16 00
H. D. Bartlett,	18 75
William W. Poole,	64 94
J. F. Tasker, Davis bridge,	205 50
L. Benway,	16 00
George C. Dean,	6 60
L. Martindale,	20 00
C. E. Jackson,	53 50
William D. Burr,	14 00
C. R. Leslie,	6 37
B. N. Mayo,	8 75
F. L. Ayers,	2 00
William J. Huggins,	13 50
N. S. Bryant,	14 20
E. T. Ayers,	40 83
C. Esterbrooks,	1 75

A. Weld,	10 00
O. P. Burr,	31 21
H. Leslie,	10 00
A. Penniman,	8 58
L. Benway,	30 00
S. Cole,	11 74
J. L. Spaulding,	5 00
C. E. Jackson, team and tools on highway,	12 25
N. A. Deming,	3 25
J. Hildreth,	5 80
G. D. Kenyon,	10 00
E. O. Cole,	5 00
J. Wilder,	3 00
L. Benway,	11 00
J. Conlin,	4 50
J. L. Hilliard,	7 00
O. P. Burr, breaking road,	7 88
T. A. Allen, “	12 46
N. Jackson,	2 00
A. Penniman, breaking roads,	3 86
O. A. Kelley,	2 50
M. Hook, breaking roads,	12 39
J. L. Paget, “	5 62
L. Martindale,	2 50
D. Whitmore, breaking roads,	23 60
R. Badger, “	2 50
William W. Poole, “	9 00
N. O. Bugbee, “	22 50
E. O. Cole, “	2 00
B. S. Smith,	24 75
B. Smith,	20 25
E. P. Bartlett,	7 54
L. H. Dow, breaking roads,	8 00
F. A. Johnson,	4 48
J. Hastings,	2 00
L. Benway, breaking roads,	5 45
F. A. Wakefield, “	3 00
O. Russ, “	10 00
William C. Harlow,	2 66
L. Powers,	9 75
O. A. Kelley, breaking roads,	5 00
William H. Daniels,	10 00
William D. Lear, breaking roads,	2 00
L. T. Chase,	4 25

H. M. Weld,	4 50
A. Richardson,	1 07
L. Martindale, on Ayer's Hill,	340 60

Total for highways and bridges, \$1797 50

NEW CEMETERY REPORT.

Cash paid out on new Cemetery, near Cornish Flat.

William H. Child, for land,	80 17
O. P. Burr, for labor,	38 50
A. Penniman, "	17 50
L. Martindale, "	24 26
S. Cole, for labor and piling stone,	38 13
H. M. Day, for surveying and making deed and map,	21 50
E. O. & H. M. Day, for stakes,	2 00
S. M. Sherburne, for sharpening tools,	1 77
G. C. Dean, for labor,	5 25
H. A. Day, interest on land order,	1 44
T. A. Gleason, interest on Cemetery note,	3 24
N. E. Hebard, C. E. Jackson and S. Cole, Com.	19 00
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	\$252 76

NORMAN E. HEBARD, } Committee on
C. E. JACKSON, } New
SETH COLE, } Cemetery.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Claremont Manuf'g Co., for town reports year 1870,	38 00
M. Harlow, watering trough, 1869,	3 00
M. Harlow, entertainment of Selectmen 1869,	17 25
H. M. Day, making taxes, 1870,	10 00
Wm. Balloch, services as auditor, 1870,	11 00
L. T. Chase, services as Selectman, 1870,	3 00
Benj. Smith, hay for team repairing highway,	16 00
E. L. Cushing, retain fees, 1869,	15 12
O. B. Williams, boarding men working on highway,	30 00
H. P. Chamberlin, entertainment of Selectmen,	6 75
D. L. Guernsey, Selectmen's books and records,	9 10
C. T. Hardy, damage on highway,	20 00
P. Norris, services with hearse,	16 00
J. W. Lull, over tax,	5 07
S. M. Green, "	5 07
M. Walker, "	8 45

M. G. Day, oiling hearse harness,	1 35
Wm. Poole, boarding men, and team work on highway,	26 75
M. G. Day, Straps for hearse,	2 75
A. Batchelder, over tax, 1869,	8 15
A. K. Spaulding, springs for hearse,	4 00
Benjamin C. Lewis, over tax,	2 54
A. P. Carpenter, over tax, 1863 '69,	4 77
H. Gould, glass for hearse,	3 25
G. E. Bugbee, over tax,	5 07
J. B. Chase, services as auditor, 1870,	7 00
H. P. Chamberlin, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
S. Spaulding, " "	4 00
L. Martindale notifying jurors,	3 00
M. Harlow, watering trough,	3 00
" entertainment of Selectmen,	13 75
" for board of men working on highway,	13 25
P. Norris, services with hearse,	22 00
Wm. H. Daniels, over tax on school-house,	1 84
G. D. Kenyon, abatement on tax book, 1865, '66, '67,	75 02
G. D. Kenyon, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
S. B. Deming, " "	9 00
C. E. Jackson, entertainment of Selectmen,	8 00
P. Ayers, pass for B. F. Bugbee,	6 00
N. E. Hebard, postage, express and stationery,	5 50
L. Colby, jr., services rendered in 1869,	12 00
N. E. Hebard, expenses getting County claims,	5 00
F. D. Nevins, non resident tax paid in labor 1869,	3 55
F. D. Nevins, error in tax, in 1869,	1 25
A. Smith, over tax, 1870,	8 45
H. Buckman, " "	2 54
R. H. Boyd, " "	2 54
D. Royce, " 1869,	2 45
H. Buckman, " "	2 45
William D. Burr, watering trough,	3 00
William D. Lear, " "	3 00
S. Cole, entertainment of Selectmen,	23 21
D. Whitmore, damage to plow,	2 50
W. H. Pettes, damage on highway,	10 00
H. Leslie, damage to sleigh,	5 00
C. Tyler, watering trough,	2 00
H. L. Dow, repairing town-house,	1 50
" over tax,	7 73
Wm. P. Johnson, over tax,	1 96

H. F. Bartlett, meal for team,	3 57
H. How, damage to himself and carriage,	35 00
J. W. Lewis, over tax, 1867,	4 32
B. E. Lewis, " "	4 32
S. Johnson, damage to plow,	2 00
H. M. Day, discount on taxes, as voted by town,	188 08
J. Emerson, over tax,	3 26
A. E. Wellman, school-house tax in district No. 7,	50 00
Claremont Manuf'g Co, check list and order book,	16 20
L. H. Smith, powder and fuse,	86
J. M. Seaver, over tax, 1870,	2 54
H. M. Day, non res., highway tax paid in labor,	39 03
" surveying Bugbee road,	1 50
J. L. Putman, over tax,	5 50
J. Hastings, abatement on taxes, 1868,	43 55
E. D. Titus, interest on old orders,	3 90
H. C. Chase, abatement on tax, 1868,	4 64
Wm. Balloch, services and expenses as Agent,	9 50
T. A. Gleason, notifying jurors,	3 80
W. P. Ryan, board of men working on highway,	3 50
F. A. Johnson, over tax, 1869,	6 52
M. M. Williams, over tax, 1870,	6 32
W. P. Ryan, entertainment of Selectmen,	54 63
Mary Cotton, G. W. Ellis, Syrena Huggins, Sarah Lathrop, H. I. Lee and Peter Walker, abate- ment of taxes, 1870,	16 00
Samuel Sherburne, repairing hearse,	2 00
F. A. Wakefield, damage to wagon,	1 50
Total incidentals,	<hr/> \$ 1067 07

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES FOR 1870.

D. Chase, Town Clerk,	15 00
J. M. Davidson, Trustee Foss fund,	6 00
H. M. Day, Superintending School Com.,	55 00
" Collector of taxes,	75 00
T. A. Gleason, services as Town Clerk,	30 00
" services as Treasurer,	40 00
N. E. Hebard, services as Selectman,	90 00
C. E. Jackson, " "	100 00
S. Cole, " "	85 00
	<hr/> \$ 496 00
Total amount of Orders drawn,	<hr/> \$ 5870 34

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received, 12145 56

PAID OUT.

State tax,	2778 00
County tax,	1713 37
For support of schools,	1319 96
“ County paupers,	280 41
“ support of Plainfield paupers,	89 05
“ Town paupers,	128 75
“ plank and timber,	438 84
“ labor on highway,	1797 50
New Cemetery,	252 76
Incidental expenses of the town,	1067 07
Town officers' services,	496 00
Total amount paid out,	—————\$ 10361 71
Which deducted from amount received	—————
leaves a balance of	\$ 1783 85

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

1870,

Mar. 13,	Rec'd of J. M. Davidson, former treasurer,	4041 63
“ 14,	Auren Johnson, int. on Note,	73 02
Sept. 10,	Selectmen, County pauper money,	75 50
Oct. 7,	“ Int. on Foss fund,	112 80
“ 15,	“ Railroad tax, 1870,	52 16
“	“ Literary Fund, “	92 51
Oct. 26,	“ Savings Bank tax,	202 79
Oct. 29,	“ assigned U. S. Bounty	320 00
	H. M. Day, Collector taxes, 1869,	200 00
Nov. 2,	Selectmen, pauper money, from Plainfield,	116 00
Dec. 17,	Auren Johnson, int. on Note,	71 83
1871.		
Jan. 16,	H. M. Day, bal. tax list, 1869,	199 38
	“ int. on taxes “	27 97
Jan. 27,	Selectmen, County pauper money,	95 44
	L. H. Dow, int. on Bill,	86
Feb. 22,	Selectmen, County pauper money from Plainfield,	28 40
	Selectmen, int. on School fund,	28 24

Rec'd of F. D. Nevius, taxes, 1869,	311 91
" int. on taxes, 1869,	22 66
S. Palmer, int. on Note,	2 80
Jonas Hastings, int on Note,	138 76
Selectmen for cemetery bills,	249 52
B. F. Bugbee, int on bill,	53
Jonas Hastings, former Collector,	578 35
H. M. Day, Collector, (including dog tax),	6309 07
H. M. Day, int. on taxes, 1870,	42 22
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	\$13394 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on old orders,	1211 57
interest "	1547 15
principal on new orders,	5698 09
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	\$ 8456 81
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	\$ 4937 54

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Am't of liabilities of town per last year's report,	23340 86
Deduct am't of old orders paid in cash,	1211 57
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	\$ 22129 29
Outstanding orders, 1870,	147 25
Due school dist., No. 14,	64 23
" H. A. Day, note for new cemetery money,	249 52
" Dog Fund,	80 00
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	\$ 22670 29

ASSETS.

Notes and cash in hands of Treasurer,	4937 54
Interest due on same,	76 25
Due from County,	111 72
" Harvey, Lewis & Hollis Knight	
for support Nancy Knight,	188 32
" on execution, vs. Eri Rich-	
ardson, (say)	80 00
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	\$ 5393 83
Indebtedness of town, over and above assets,	\$ 17276 46

DOG FUND.

Received of H. M. Day, Collector, taxes on dogs,	80 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs, payable 2d Tuesday of March, inst.,	25 00
Balance in favor of dog fund,	<u>\$ 55 00</u>

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer,	470 87
Which is respectfully submitted.	
TIMOTHY A. GLEASON, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

JACOB FOSS LEGACY.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

Sept. 14, 1866, Received of the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased,	2820 00
Received interest on said legacy for the year ending Sept. 16, 1870,	169 20
Oct. 7, 1870, Paid the Selectmen to be appro- priated for the support of Poor of said town,	112 80
Leaving a balance of	<u>\$ 56 40</u>
To which add Interest of 1869,	2 26
Making, to be appropriated for Flag,	<u>\$ 58 66</u>
Oct. 7, 1870, Paid James Tasker for pole, and putting up the same near, D. H. Hilliard's,	30 00
For rope for flag,	4 37
March 1, 1871, for flag for Cornish Flat,	28 50
	<u>\$ 62 87</u>

Which is respectfully submitted by

J. M. DAVIDSON, *Trustee.*

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Selectmen of Cornish, Auditors to audit the accounts of the officers of said town for the year ending March 1st 1871, having attended to the duties assigned them, would say that they have found the accounts of said officers as exhibited in the foregoing reports accurately cast and properly vouched for.

WILLIAM BALLOCH, } *Auditors.*
J. M. DAVIDSON, }

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF CORNISH :

Your Superintendent of Schools having attended to the duties assigned him by the Statute, respectfully submits the following Report:

There have been 28 schools, the past year, taught in the 16 districts. The number of different scholars is 320.

Twenty-three different Teachers have been employed—19 females, and 4 males. Four teachers never had taught before. The average amount of money expended upon each scholar is \$4.09.

In reviewing the condition of our schools this year, and comparing them with former years, we are pleased to be able to report them, not only as in a thriving condition—but there is manifestly progression from year to year. Parents, scholars and teachers, in most districts, in their direct connection with the schools, have, to considerable extent, shown a laudable desire to “help move the world”—and that in the right direction.

The several districts have generally been very successful in the choice of school-teachers. With few exceptions the schools have sustained a high character for good moral discipline, and a thorough and effective method of instruction. This results from the fact, that we find the character and usefulness of our schools depend chiefly on the qualifications of the teachers, in connection with the sympathy and coöperation of parents and guardians; and we are fast learning, that to have more effective schools, we must manifest more zeal in their behalf. We are finding out that we have something more to do, than merely to call a school-meeting once a year, and simply comply with the provisions of the law.

Bound together as we are by a thousand common interests, woven and interwoven, no one can say with truth—this work belongs to my neighbor, and not to myself. Generally speaking our neighbor's prosperity is our own; and the proper education of his children—no matter what his rank or condition may be—is adding so much to the common fund of morality and in-

telligence, of which we are all shareholders. Experience has taught us that capital invested in this way has always paid well—while ignorance and vice never yet paid a dividend, except to impoverish and disgrace their votaries.

Some people seem to think all this work belongs to the Superintending School Committee. They seem to think he is a sort of literary glazier, hired by the town to ride about and plaster and putty up all the differences and quarrels that may arise among the 1800 different persons with whom he has to deal—paper down all the protuberances and rough corners that may present themselves in the character of those concerned with our schools; and glaze over and make smooth all the jarring and jangling elements that may come together; and then at the end of the year, to make out a report in which a good teacher cannot be told from a poor one, and in which every thing goes to show that our schools, without an exception, are just what they should be, and our system perfect in every particular; and that therefore there exists no necessity for any body to exert himself in behalf of our schools.

And here let me say, that, so far as I know, the teachers in this town, last year and this, are my personal friends, and I esteem them highly as such; but when under oath I am called upon to give my opinion of them as teachers, I must do so without regard to friendship. A lady may be a good housewife, and even a good scholar, and still not be a good school-teacher. A man may be a good manufacturer, but no salesman—a good minister, but no poet—a good shoemaker, but no actor; and so on through all professions occupations and trades of mankind. Would it have detracted from the fame and reputation of George Washington, to say that he was not a good navigator? Would Edward Everett's name be tarnished, if a military commission had pronounced him no general? So, when a school-committee gives it as his opinion, that a person is not fitted to teach school, this does not reflect upon the character of that person, nor does it imply that in other respects he does not possess talents of a superior order.

We come now to the special report of each district.

DISTRICT No. 1. ("Balloch's.") Amount of school-money, \$137.33: average amount for each scholar, \$5.49.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Frank Edminster of Windsor, Vt. This is one of the most interesting schools in town. Most of the scholars are old enough to realize that the object of going to school is to advance in their studies, and seem generally determined to make the most of what advantages are afforded them. The old school-house still remains—although I understand there is to be a desperate effort made to build a new one this year.

The Winter term was taught by George L. Deming. The school closed prematurely, on account of the sickness of the

teacher; and therefore was visited but once. The appearance of the school at that visit—Mr. Deming's experience and reputation, and subsequent reports from parents and patrons, combine to confirm my impression, that this would be one of our most successful schools; and I have no doubt that it was so.

DISTRICT No. 2.—("Above the bridge.") Amount of school-money, \$84.71: average amount for each scholar, \$4.24. Summer term taught by Miss Hattie J. Hildreth, who has taught this school several terms before—a fair indication that the district are satisfied with her efforts as teacher. The Winter term was taught by Miss — Bugbee of Plainfield. I thought a little more energy and life on the part of the teacher would have had a tendency to awaken the same qualities in the pupils, and have been conducive to the welfare of the school.

DISTRICT No. 3.—("Stephen A. Tracy's.") Amount of school-money, \$90.50: average amount per scholar, \$4.76.

This school was taught in Summer by Miss Eva Boyd. She is quite young, and this was her first attempt at teaching, and she has evidently much yet to learn, before she takes her place in the front rank of teachers. Her scholars had a very disagreeable habit of tormenting her by marching and counter-marching across the school-room, to ask some trivial question, in the midst of recitation—this should never be allowed.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Ida A. Babbitt of Enfield. I was satisfied at my first visit, that this would be a successful school. Miss Babbitt virtually believes, that "Order is Heaven's *first* law." Therefore she *first* secured good order; and it was no easy matter in a school like this, composed of scholars of just the right age to be restless and uneasy. The appearance of the school was entirely satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4.—("Dingleton.") Amount of school-money \$64.43: average amount per scholar, \$5.37.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lettie S. Comings, who brought her usual energy, skill and tact to bear upon the quick and intelligent material found in this school, and therefore the closing examination, in which the scholars were subjected by the teacher and myself, to a close and rigid drill upon the subjects of the various studies passed over, and acquitted themselves in a manner to confer credit upon all concerned. Miss Comings is a valuable school-teacher, especially from the fact, that she requires *thoroughness*, which is the basis of all correct scholarship. Our school agents should take special pains, by offering every inducement in their power, to secure the services of such teachers.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Hattie B. Whitney, of Windsor, Vt. This was a successful school, I think, in every particular. This school has been very fortunate, for the past two years, in securing the services of good teachers.

DISTRICT No. 5.—("Capt. Seth Johnson's.") Amount of school-money, \$58.44: average amount per scholar, \$3.90.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lois L. Brown of Croydon. This is a quiet and orderly school, and about the usual amount of improvement was observable at the close.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie A. Hersey of Plainfield. The school closed prematurely, from some cause unknown to me, and therefore was only visited at its commencement. Miss Hersey appeared young and inexperienced, and may have failed to adopt all the salutary measures in the government and management of her school, necessary to secure the best success.

DISTRICT No. 6.—("Flat.") Amount of school-money, \$208.75: average amount per scholar, \$4.01.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Marion Westgate of Plainfield. Miss Westgate needs no recommendations from me. Her known experience, reputation and literary qualifications, and her apparent good judgment in managing, and evident tact and ability to secure the good will of her pupils—all combined—make her one of the most efficient teachers.

The Winter term was taught by Martin L. Bruce. Mr. Bruce is a young man of excellent literary qualifications, and an experienced school-teacher. He has a remarkably happy faculty of imparting instruction—of illustrating and making clear all the misty and muddy points in the sciences taught. He devotes his whole time and strength to his school. All the elements of success were at his command, and consequently this was one of our most successful schools.

DISTRICT No. 7.—("Centre.") Amount of school-money, \$117.74: average amount per scholar, \$4.91.

This school was taught in the Summer by Miss Hannah T. Deming, who is a teacher of considerable experience, and under her instruction the scholars appeared to have made fair progress. I would, however, recommend her to be careful not to fall into the habit of putting "leading questions" to her pupils.

The Winter school, taught by Samuel L. Powers, was a success in every particular. He is an accurate scholar, and has no habit of going over things superficially. He is energetic and enthusiastic in his zeal, and inspires it in his pupils. The best order was maintained, and the closing examination, well attended by the citizens, was gratifying in the highest degree.—This was his first term at teaching—proving that experience is no sure criterion by which to judge of a teacher's usefulness.

DISTRICT No. 8.—("Goward's.") Amount of school-money, \$118.48: average amount per scholar, \$6.58.

This school was taught in Summer by Miss Lettie E. Hook, and in Winter by Mr. Charles D. Nevins. I think these schools have been an improvement upon the same, last year.

DISTRICT No. 9.—("Town House.") Amount of school-money, \$72.54: average amount per scholar, \$4.03.

Summer term taught by Miss Jennie L. Johnson, who had taught this school before, and I have no doubt labored hard for the good of the school. Some improvement was manifest—but not so much as there would have been if better order could have been secured.

Winter term taught by Miss Aura M. Morgan of Windsor, Vt. This school should have been taken charge of by a male teacher. There are two or three of the largest scholars who, to all appearance appear well-behaved and studious; but the rest of the school is certainly composed of material which requires decidedly rough, but judicious, handling; and it is not one female teacher in ten that would be likely to be half severe enough. The scholars themselves are not entirely to blame for this. They are at just the right age, and of that disposition to require that they be governed by force alone; as moral suasion and the spectacle of an educated, amiable and highly accomplished person, devoting her best energies for their good, is entirely lost upon them.

DISTRICT No. 10.—("Edinister.") Amount of school-money, \$96.04: average amount per scholar, \$5.05.

Summer school taught by Miss Jennie E. Sisson. This school, from some cause not understood by me, hardly proved satisfactory to parents and patrons. The teacher was young, and perhaps did not quite prove herself adapted to a smart school like this.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Aura M. Morgan. I think this school was an entire success. Her literary qualifications are of a superior order. She has an easy and attractive manner in the school-room, and is wide awake and attentive to the wants of the pupils under her charge. She evidently gained the good will and respect of her school, and the scholars were apparently conscious that she was interested in their welfare, and able and willing to lead them in their studies; and apparently appreciated her efforts made in their behalf, and seemed to take pride in obeying her commands, and in doing every thing possible to please her.

DISTRICT No. 11.—("City.") Amount of school money, \$86.94: average amount per scholar, \$3.84.

The school was taught in Summer by Miss Hattie B. Whitney of Windsor, Vt. This was a good school. Miss W. is a very thorough teacher. I was especially pleased with classes in mental arithmetic. They showed the effect of very thorough drill. This is as it should be, as this is the main foundation stone upon which is to be erected the super-structure of a mathematical education.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Alice V. Powers. This school was all that could be required. The same accurate

scholarship, combined with the same executive ability and profitable manner of instructing, which has been exhibited before in this school, was apparent during this term. The scholars were evidently satisfied with their teacher, and she with them, and all worked together in harmony, seemingly determined to make the school just what it should be.

DISTRICT No. 12.—("Poppy Squash.") Amount of school-money, \$27.72: average amount per scholar, \$3.96.

But one term has been taught here the past year, which was taught by Miss Jennie P. Sisson. I thought her school last year in this district was all that could be required—but during this term there was evidently not quite the same interest manifested. People need not expect to succeed well in teaching, unless they are willing to put forth their best efforts, and adapt themselves to the circumstances under which they are placed. I think Miss S. possesses the requisite qualifications for a good teacher, and if she chooses teaching for a business, and devotes herself to it with energy, she will be successful.

DISTRICT No. 13.—("Norman A. Deming's.") Amount of school-money, \$65.06: average amount per scholar, \$2 83.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Charlotte Lewis of Claremont. This school was taught in the most thorough manner. The teacher was not satisfied with merely "skimming over" the rules and definitions, but required that they should be given entire, minus "not one jot nor tittle," and that without any prompting on her part—even so much as a hissing sound, to indicate that the answer began with S. Teachers who teach so thoroughly, sometimes give too long lessons. They should remember that it requires a discipline of the mind that many scholars are wholly unused to. I think this was to some extent the case in this instance. It was new business to these scholars to learn rules and definitions in this way, and therefore their lessons, to begin with, should have been short.

Winter term taught by Miss Jennie L. Johnson. She is an old and experienced teacher, and under her management the school appeared well, and a very fair amount of improvement was observable.

DISTRICT No. 14.—("Hemp Yard.") Amount of school-money, \$—.— No school.

DISTRICT No. 15.—("John M. Root's.") Amount of school-money, \$20.53: average amount per scholar, \$1.37.

This school was visited but once, at which time it seemed to be doing well. The average amount of money per scholar will be seen to be very small, and if the parents were not possessed of an extraordinary amount of enterprise, the cause of education would be at a low ebb. I think this school should be annexed to District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 16.—("Texas.") Amount of school-money, \$58.05: average amount per scholar, \$2.15.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Addie E. Chase. At both visits the school seemed to be quiet and orderly, giving evidence that time was being improved.

A school was taught in the Fall by Miss Hannah T. Deming. This school closed prematurely, on account of sickness among the scholars; therefore I only visited it at its commencement, and therefore I cannot report progress.

The foregoing, together with the Roll of Honor and Statistical Table, is presented as my Report.

In retiring from the position of School Superintendent, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to parents, teachers and scholars, one and all, for the uniform courtesy and respect manifested towards me on all occasions.

HENRY M. DAY.

Cornish, N. H., March 1, 1871.



The following scholars having attended school one term, without having an absent mark, on the register are deserving of a place on the

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Angie E. Weld, 2 terms.	Angie Chadborn,
Emily A. Balloch,	Minnie R. Balloch,
Marcellus R. Shedd,	Frank H. Weld.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Register not received.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Bertha G. Wilder,	Ida M. Wilder,
Elwin C. Wilder,	Erwin C. Wilder,
John W. Flint,	Sammy P. Flint.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Julia E. Bartlett,	Hattie E. Smith,
Mary L. Smith, 2 terms.	Minnie L. Wood.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Julia A. Cole,	Dora B. Chase,
Chester S. Huggins,	Joseph L. Chase,
Charles S. Huggins,	Amos S. Chase.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Alma Spaulding,
Nellie Foss,
Mary Cole,
Paul Davidson,

Amy Spaulding,
Sarah Spaulding,
Edith Coburn.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Ella M. Ayers,
William D. Paget,

Arthur L. Benway, 2 terms.
Elzi R. Westgate.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Willie Forehand,
George R. Shaw,

Arthur A. Penniman.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Mary S. Fairbanks,
Jennie L. Jackson, 2 terms.
Dav. H. Lamberton, 2 terms.
John C. Lamberton,

Alice O. Fairbanks,
Lizzie M. Jackson,
Edwin A. Fairbanks.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Nettie Ashley, 2 terms.
Nellie E. Morgan,

Leona Haven,
Zera W. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Luella Walker
Addie M. York, 2 terms,
Lilla E. York,
Clayton B. Hilliard,

Emma L. York, 2 terms.
Hattie L. York,
Adna J. Hilliard,
Elmer E. York.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Annie Root,
John L. Root,

Louisa Root.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Hattie B. Burr, 2 terms.
Ella H. Bailey,
Mary Titus,
Charles S. Burr,

Georgianna Weld,
Emma S. Bailey,
Frankie F. Titus.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>No. of Terms.</i>	<i>Prudential Com.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>No. of Weeks.</i>	<i>No. of Scholars.</i>	<i>Ins. of Turdiness.</i>	<i>Ins. of Dismissal.</i>	<i>Visits by S. Com.</i>	<i>Visits by P. Com.</i>	<i>Citizens & others.</i>	<i>Aver. Attendance.</i>
1	1	Edwin R. Shedd	F. L. Edminster	10	18	35	3	2	0	9	13
	2		George L. Deming	9½	20	45	4	1	1	8	18
2		Register not	received.								
3	1	Wm. P. Johnson	Eva Boyd	9	14	2	4	2	0	3	12
	2		Ida A. Babbitt	8	15	122	11	2	1	11	14
4	1	Lyman D. Wood	Lettie S. Comings	10	8	0	1	2	0	8	7
	2		Hattie B. Whitney	8	11	37	14	2	0	2	9
5	1	George L. Cole	Lois L. Brown	8	7	13	3	2	0	7	6
	2		Hattie A. Henry	5½	13	4	2	1	0	8	12½
6	1	L. Martindale	Marion Westgate	12	36	56	23	2	0	52	29
	2		Martin L. Bruce	10	44	163	8	2	1	44	41½
7	1	A. E. Wellman	Hannah T. Deming	9	10	9	6	2	1	13	9
	2	and J. R. Paget	Samuel L. Powers	9	23	39	5	2	1	26	18
8	1	John F. Johnson	Lettie E. Hook	10	11	30	8	2	0	12	8
	2		Charles D. Nevens	10	15	25	38	2	1	20	13
9	1	Wm. C. Smith	Jennie L. Johnson	10	12	28	8	2	0	17	11½
	2		Aura M. Morgan	11	14	133	16	2	0	3	11
10	1	Foster L. Ayers	Jennie E. Sisson	9	18	19	2	2	0	11	16½
	2		Aura M. Morgan	10	19	59	0	2	0	0	16
11	1	Seymore Ashley	Hattie B. Whitney	8	17	43	6	2	1	0	13½
	2		Alice V. Powers	10	23	64	17	2	0	15	18
12	1	Oliver Russ,	Jennie E. Sisson	12	7	79	9	2	0	22	4½
13	1	Hiram H. York	Charlotte Lewis	8	14	6	3	2	0	2	13½
	2		Jennie L. Johnson	7	22	10	0	2	0	8	20½
15	1	John M. Root	Edna J. Pope	7	15	17	0	1	1	13	13
16	1	Thos. A. Allen	Addie E. Chase	8	20	27	0	2	0	5	14
	2		Hannah T. Deming	12	26	59	9	1	1	15	23

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